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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **SAKAI, Kenichiro**

Group Art Unit: 2621

Serial No.: 09/475,991

Examiner: **Brian Q. LE**

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For. **DOCUMENT IMAGE PROCESSING DEVICE, DOCUMENT IMAGE MERGING METHOD, AND STORAGE MEDIUM RECORDING A DOCUMENT IMAGE MERGING PROGRAM**

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
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Date: March 28, 2006

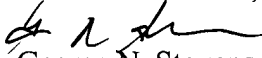
Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated November 28, 2005 for one month, from February 28, 2006 to March 28, 2006.

Attached please find a check in the amount of \$120.00 to cover the cost of the extension for a large entity. In the event that any additional fees are due in connection with this paper, please charge our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

Respectfully submitted,

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